A GREAT DISCOVERIE OF A PLOT IN SCOTLAND,

By a Miraculous meanes.

Two great ACTORS in the same being so taken with the sweet disposition of those Worthies, against *whom they Plotted; that their troubled Consciences would not permit them to proceed in their wicked Intents.*

VVith the COPY of a LETTER sent to the Papists in

LONDON.

London, Printed MDCXLJ.

1099

THE REPORT OF

The Discorery of a PLOT in SCOTLAND.

WHy doe you seeke to worke such mischiefe! O yee mischievous Sons of *Rome*, doe ye not know, that God will finde you out, what though you have thousands in readinesse to surprize those Noble Worthies: yet is your policy but as chaffe before the wind.

Though the wretched Papists in Scotland were agreed, in a moment, on a sudden, to call their Forces at unawares to fall upon those Starres, which shine so cleare in our Horizon.

With powder, wild-fire, men, and armes, and had by great sutlely got together, and with great Cost, and toyle provided in readinesse, and those honourable and worthy Peeres, who were entred into *Covenant with the Lord*, thought also to have cut off. Such is their bloudy designs, no more, but a word & a blow. Nay, more; no more but a word and blood, life, liberty, and utter ruine; but consider, ye fond Jesuits, and treacherous Papists; for it is most certaine, that God who sitteth in the highest Heavens, doth see you, and doth certainly laugh you to scorne, and your selves shall fall into the same Pit, which you have digged for the Righteous.

The day was appointed, wherein the blood-thirsty hoped to see the Lambes slaine before them, the Honourable *Covenantars of Scotland cut off*, and the best of them blasted in the Ayre, & dasht to peeces; O most cruell Satyrs. *But such is the goodnesse of Almighty God, that the Righteous are preserved, and the wicked are taken in their owne nets.*

Two of their Agents, whom they thought were as true to them, and faithfull to their unfaithfull Plots, even as their owne hearts; yet were they smitten in Conscience. What (saith the one) shall I embrue my hands in the blood of those who never thought no ill, shall I be confederate with traytors, and Rebels, to slay the Innocent. And saith the other, what shall I plot and bloodily seeke to take away the life of such Peeres as these, whose Noble gifts deserves so much honor, who are admired for their worth; and are become (even the very wonder, and *Admiration to all Europe*). Who can but love them; it were great cruelty to wish them any harme: what would it then bee, to conspire in cruelty, to worke the utter Destruction. How lamentable a spectacle would it be, to see those Stars which shine so cleare in our *Parliamentary Assembly* so torn, and rent to peeces with powder, and trodden under the feet of Rebels. Surely it were a most unchristian thing to be so treacherous against those who have adventured both *life, liberty, honour, goods, Estates*, all that they have, for the perpetuall good of our Nation, and still make it the uttermost of their indeavour to pitch upon our happy being, and to make us an happy Nation. Did we plot a-

gainst

gainſt Rogues, and Vagabonds, againſt Tyrants, and cruell Pagans, it were more tollerable. Nay more, were it againſt furious Zoilis ſpirits, or mercileſſe, uncharitable, envious Raſcals, it might ſeduce us: *ſhall we ſo treacherouſly plot, to deſtroy ſuch Nobles, as theſe: whoſe ſweet, courteous, affable, loving diſpoſitions, would prick the heart, and wound the Conſcience of the fierceſt Turke, or Pagan, if any ſparke of humanity hath biding in him. Having thus conſidered with themſelvs theſe two imparting, each their minds to one another, and thereupon adviſing what to doe.*

It beſeemed at firſt too impoſſible a work to diſcover without great prejudice, many thoughts they had, how to wind themſelves out, and little hope of finding any courſe pleaſant, or any reſolution to give them any ſatisfaction. Such were the iſſue of their former deſignes, with the Plotters in their Evill wayes, that now they were brought into a thouſand ſtraites what to doe. If they proceed, a thouſand to one, but in the end they will be found out, and dye like Traytors; or if they leave of, now they have begun, they are yet in a great ſtrait.

If they leave off, and reveale nothing; then they are in danger, that the ſame Conſpirators with whom they wrought, will conſpire againſt us.

If we reveale part, and not entirely, we may bee trapt, and ſo without fnrther delay dye Traytors.

If we reveale all, we are to anſwer a great matter, and our lives, Eſtates, and all wee have may be taken from us, and we liue all our dayes in ignominy and diſgrace.

Now the Lord by his all-ruling hand directed there course to take the saſeſt way, both for themſelves, and the Kingdome.

They addreſſe themſelves to the King and Parliament, there they diſcover what they know, and lay open what is plotted againſt them, caſting themſelves upon their mercies, expoſing themſelvs rather to fall into their hands, then to goe on, and lye at Satans mercy, or diſſemblingly to lye ſtill, between hot and cold, continually under the burden of a troubled *Conſcience.*

Now may we ſee, how gratiouſly ſtill the Lord is pleaſed to worke for his People, and to overthrow the evill Plottings, and Conſpiracies, of the Papiſts, and all ungodly Blood-thirſty Rebels.

A

coppie of a

LETTER

brought to

LONDON.

T, C. Y.
W. A. Ne.

MAſter *Lee* with much griefe and ſorrow hath this diſcoverie come to us, we feare ſome falſe brethren among you at *London*, or in *Weſtminſter*, therefore be carefull, and ſweare all as wee ordered you, and bee ſure you ſet the right, *I H S* and the true word before you therefore take the oath, and ſeeing the former will not take that happie ſucceſſe and effect much wiſhed by all true-hearted Catholikes, yet wee entreate you to put in practice y our worke, and acc ording to Sir *S, H*, his order, and divide your companies to thoſe parts of the City as you had the laſt direction, let the Tower be the chiefe aime, draw the proole from the Tower by the firſt and ſecond commotion, and wee will warrant Maſter *B. G.* will third you, for he of all, leaſt of all will be ſuſpected. At 9. in the morning is the time, fall on, if we die, ye die together, but having begun, hold on till death, which will at the leaſt will bee Honourable martyrdome. Now the better to proceed, make no noiſe, leſt the proud

City

City Captains prevent your designes, for now or never, if now then ever. Therefore publish it to the true members, the signe-guift of all the Actors, you see we are prevented, now let no feare make you faile in this so good a worke, you all know our lives lye at the stake, therefore now fight for life and Relgion.

Money for pay, you shall have in full, as wee agreed now remember what is to be done, make readie the 300. at M. gate, and all with Pistells and Swords, and for the *C. W.* dit. with m. rn. suddenly, as we appointed, and see you faile not as you love your lives.

In the meane time Pray,
And so I rest.

Your servant
T. W. S, M. N,

Amicus certus in certi cernitur.

FINIS.